

Hogmanay Ceilidh 2005

A huge thanks

to Mike and Gillian Bird and friends, and the Towie Pipe Band members, who provided the music at Hogmanay. Thanks also to all who came along and made this such an enjoyable evening for all ages, which had an added bonus of adding £360 to hall funds.

BINGO

The Bingo evening in March was a great success with a really good turnout and a fun evening had by all. A grand total of £143.84 profit was made – so despite the weather – *'It was all right on the night!'*

Family Songs of Praise with the Tambourine Troupers of Cromar Parish Church

*in Logie Coldstone Hall
Sunday 21st May 4pm*

Cuppa to follow

Fun Games

Date is set for 1/7/06.

Due to so much going on for Hall Committee all at once this year an informal picnic being planned. Details will be in next newsletter, which will be out soon. Also watch out for posters.

Hall Bookings

If you have any events you would like to hold at the Hall, please call Mrs Evelyn Smith on 81401.

Licensed Stovie Dance with

'Country Edition'

(variety of music played)

9pm – 1am

in MacRobert Hall, Tarland

Tickets £5:-available from Tarland Paper Shop, Aboyne Paper Shop and Marie Chapman (81219)

In aid of Towie Pipe Band Funds

LOGIE COLDSTONE NEWSLETTER

What's Happening with the Hall

In February the Hall Association Annual General Meeting was held and there was a good turn out. Then in March the first Committee Meeting of the (nearly) new committee was held. There are changes to come some of which will be a long time in the happening and some of which will happen without you even knowing about them!

The Hall Committee have been very busy over the past year or so since it became clear that unless major work was carried out on the Hall we would not be able to continue using it in the future.

Firstly, getting the usage of the hall increased so that when we apply for funds to help with the upgrading of the building we can show that the Hall is in regular use and that doing work on it will be worth while for future usage. Also, linked to the usage a questionnaire was issued to every household in the parish to ask your opinion of what the community would like to happen in and around the Hall.

Secondly there has been a lot of very visible maintenance carried out to improve the look of the hall (both inside and out).

Thirdly, lots of successful and enjoyable fundraising done – around £3000 last year.

Fourthly, and probably most importantly, the Trustees and committee, working together, have agreed that the current Welfare Trust that exists is no longer the best way for the Hall to be run and this was the main issue put before those attending the Annual General Meeting.

Of course as the meeting was mainly attended by committee members and trustees the motion that the Welfare Trust be changed to become a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee was carried with only 3 abstentions. However this is an important issue for the community and if you have any feelings on the matter or would like

to find out exactly what this constitutional change will mean for the running of the Hall please do not hesitate to ask any of the Committee Members. (We might have to ask someone else to explain properly but mostly the basic answer is that there will be no changes that non-members of the committee will be aware of!)

We've had a fair bit of outside help and there will be more of that to come over the months as decisions are made about getting a proper feasibility study done to help us to make sure that the Hall ends up being the building that we can all make best use of. As you will all have realised by now this is not a quick process and there is still a long time to go before we can hold a grand opening ceremony to celebrate the fantastic work which the Hall Committee and others in the community have done to ensure that this community will continue to have a village hall well into the 21st Century. Don't ever forget that if you want to help you don't have to join the committee if you don't want to but can volunteer whatever expertise you have to give!

Morven Walk 28th May 2006

Walkers meet at Hall at 11am

Don't forget about this fun day when we all find out how fit we aren't as we head for the top of Morven! Heading back in to the village for a barbeque at the hall, this year we've decided to make it a 'BYOB' (bring your own booze!) event, although soft drinks will be on sale.

The sponsor/instruction forms are available in the Hall, in the Airedale Lounge and from This year the instructions have been amended slightly to include a suggestion that personal insurance could be taken out if so wished.
BBQ to run from 5pm – 7pm.

LOGIE COLDSTONE NEWSLETTER

Community Council Chat

Logie Coldstone's representatives on the Cromar Community Council (CCC) are Evelyn Smith (Smith's Garage), and Jerry Tyson (Auld Kirk).

A large number of residents have asked for better communications with the CCC. Meeting dates are published with the minutes posted on the notice board outside the Airedale Lounge, and the meetings are open to the public. Here are a few pointers to topics discussed recently relevant to Logie Coldstone:

Speeding through Ordie – a speed limit was discussed to control speeds over the hump at Ordie. However, it's not strangers to the area that speed, it's mostly us locals! So, can we take care as we drive through Ordie.

There is a Scottish Executive initiative to place **20 mph speed limits** outside all Scottish schools – you'll see that now taking place.

A **dog litter bin** has now been installed at Sunnybrae, and will be emptied weekly. **Barking dogs** has been an issue recently, but neighbourly cooperation has now hopefully quietened things down. No one has approached us about **neighbourhood watch** schemes – so we'll let that go for the time being.

Council tax – following representations from the community, the CCC has written to Audit Scotland for their support in ensuring that Aberdeenshire's business processes are up to standard.

The CCC has been supporting the hall committee to find ways to soften the impact of the recently introduced requirement for **Public Entertainment Licences** by the council. Mike Rumbles MSP has also been approached to express our concerns.

Community councils no longer have a veto on proposals to close **phone boxes** – but the shire still does, so we'd still get to hear of any such proposals.

Public Entertainment Licence

Thanks to all those who have helped us get to this stage!

As noted in the community council news the requirement for a Public Entertainment Licence has taken up a considerable amount of the committee's time. A huge thank you is due to those volunteers who have helped the committee get the application in, both by helping with questions to the Council to clarify the situation, helping with the Health and Safety aspect and the volunteers who helped get the actual necessary work done.

Our application is in. We await inspection by the relevant authorities. If and when we get a licence the hall committee and hall users must work towards complying with the conditions attached as soon as possible.

These conditions have been introduced with the aim of improving public safety. In this aim all hall users will have to work towards complying with the requirements. The committee are looking into providing relevant training for as many people as possible which will hopefully help us all to understand the issues more fully. As far as the actual building requirements, we are allowed three years to get it all done which gives us some leeway for the more expensive details.

The next job for the committee is to update the information booklet and booking form to make clear to all – committee included!! – just what is expected of us.

Apologies to all who have been booking the Hall lately for us not being totally clear what is happening – this should soon be rectified now.

DUCK RACE

Thanks to all who supported the Duck Race in whatever way. A very happy day was had by all and a total of £590 raised for Hall funds.

Winners list

Race 1

1. Kathleen Farquhar
2. Wiseman family
3. Mary Scott

Race 2

1. D.Coutts
2. Meg Bruce
3. Lewie Emslie

Race 3

1. Bob Allan
2. G.Robertson
3. Cassie Esson

Race 4

1. Helen Emslie
2. Alistair Simpson
3. George Massie

Race 5

1. Anna Mitchell
2. Hazel Moncur
3. Colin Black

Race 6

1. Gordon McKnight
2. Bill Chapman
3. Julia Cochrane

Coloured ducks

Winner :Bob McLaren

Thanks to all who bought ducks and gave donations. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success, both at the burnside and in providing food at the Hall.

Thank you all!!

